

Term 1 Week 4
Date – 22 February 2021



Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

FEBRUARY UP COMING EVENTS

Week 4 BASE – Kindergarten

Tues 23 Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am
Connecting with Teachers

Wed 24 Enrichment – 2:05pm

Thurs 25 Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am

MARCH

Mon 1 –Wed 3 Year 5 Camp @ Bormambola

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Communication is key so please talk to your child's teacher if you are worried about something or if you hear something that does not make sense. If you need further support, you can contact the team leader for your child's year. Please remember that I have asked teachers to respond to emails in working hours.

Preschool tours

Do you know children in our community who would be four on or before 30 April 2022? They will be eligible to enrol in preschool at Latham primary for 2022. Please let them know that families can RSVP by contacting our Front Office for our Preschool Information Tours to be held later this term or early next term. The dates are

- Term 1 - Week 7 - Monday 15 March 2 - 2.45pm and week 8 – Wednesday 24 March 9.15 -10am
- Term 2 - Week 2 - Tuesday 27 April 9.15 – 10am

From the Principal:

Time seems to be flying by but as I walk around the school, I am just so proud of the learning that I see happening in our classrooms every day. The children at Latham have been learning more about our school values with collaboration being demonstrated daily. When we learn together, we can learn more both in terms of subject area content and about ourselves as learners!

School Plan

After our School Review last year, we have been working on our plan for School Improvement over the next five years. Our School Plan will focus on three main areas, literacy – with a focus on writing, numeracy and well-being. Over the next few newsletters, we will be providing more information about what we will be working on this year to progress our School Plan.

Connecting with teachers

I hope you have enjoyed seeing the videos for each of our learning spaces that have gone up on Seesaw last week. The Q&A sessions are ready to go and the links will be sent out tomorrow. Please keep your eye out for them. As always, you are more than welcome to make a time to talk to your child's teacher. You can do that through emailing them or through the front office.

Communication

The start of the year has mostly been smooth but there have been and will be hiccups as we go forward.

Canberra Region Community Services Support Vouchers

Times are still tough for some people in our community. The Canberra Region Community Services (CRCS) – the old Belconnen Community Services, have vouchers available to support families. Please see our Deputy Principal, Karen Wilson, if you think that this would help your family. In addition, we have funding available to support families with the payment for excursions and other costs involved with school. If the family budget is tight now, please see our Business Manager, Sam Chapman or me and we can help.

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 continues to be a part of our lives at Latham Primary and although the ACT seems to be travelling very well with low community transmission, we still need to take care. We are undertaking the following measures

- Density requirements – visitors must not exceed one person per two square metres in indoor or outdoor spaces
- Physical distancing – visitors should keep 1.5 metres apart from each other where possible, unless they are from the same family group
- Checking in - Visitors to schools, including parents and carers, should check in using established school processes. If families would like to plan to stay onsite for longer than 15 minutes, they should be signed in at reception, using normal school processes.
- If you or your child are sick, please do not attend the school.

Our community has been very understanding and supportive of these arrangements and we are very thankful for your support.

Kind regards
Lyndall

Acknowledgement of Country

Dhawra nguna, dhawra Ngunawal.

Yanggu gulanyin ngalawiri, dhunayi, Ngunawal dhwara.

Wanggaralijinyin mariny balan bugarabang

We at Latham Primary would like to acknowledge and thank the Ngunawal people for letting us play, learn and live on this land. We respect your connection to this country, ongoing culture and elders. We will help pass on knowledge of the Ngunawal culture, languages and traditions.

Ngunawal Language Revival Project Working Group 2018

Latham Primary School Cultural Integrity Project Team and Student Acknowledgement Working Group 2018



From the Deputy Principal

Curriculum

Latham Primary School's vision is, *to develop global citizens by providing a quality education where everyone belongs and embraces learning*. The Australian curriculum underpins our learning and teaching programs. Our challenge as educators is to take the Australian curriculum and transfer it to authentic learning for students. At the beginning of this year, teachers spent time unpacking the curriculum to develop a road map of learning across the year in all curriculum areas. This ensures that our learning and teaching programs are consistent across year levels, although the way in which learning is delivered may look different. It also provided an opportunity to find links between learning areas. These progressions of learning are then mapped over the four terms. Teachers unpack this further for parents in the term letters sent out at the beginning of each term. Throughout the year teachers return to their original thinking to reflect on learning, adjusting as they go. Delivering a quality education for all students at Latham Primary School by design, not accident, is extremely important to us.

Karen Wilson

Student Leadership News

Last Wednesday our 2021 School Leadership Team (SLT) were celebrated at our very first Assembly for the year. The House Captains and Student Leadership team were presented their badges by Lyndall. Our school leadership process began in 2020 with students writing applications and having interviews with our School Board Chair and Lyndall. This year the Student Leadership Team will be doing fundraising for different causes. Friday March 5 (Week 5) they will be holding their first fundraiser. On that Friday the SLT are asking that you wear everything PURPLE and bring a gold coin donation to help raise money and awareness for Epilepsy Australia. To find out more information about Epilepsy head to www.epilepsy.org.au. We can't wait to see everyone in their purple on Friday the 5th!



Welcome to 2021 – I hope the first weeks back at school have been productive ones and everyone is settling in well!

Here at Saver Plus and The Smith Family we've been hearing from a lot of families who are having difficulties managing the back to school expenses. Saver Plus can help families feel more prepared for back-to-school 2022 by helping them save \$500 throughout 2021, and then matching their savings with another \$500 for use on education expenses.

A certificate template for a Merit Award. The background is white with blue decorative elements on the sides. The title "Merit Award" is written in a large, elegant, black serif font. Below the title, a message reads: "Congratulations to the following students on receiving a merit award at the assembly on Wednesday 17 February 2021." A list of student names follows. The bottom left corner features the Latham Primary School logo, which includes a stylized book icon with a hand inside, and the text "Latham PRIMARY SCHOOL living to learn". The bottom right corner has three yellow star icons.

Suyana R-T, Benjamin D, Bob S, Toby G, Elena R, Aiden M, Oliver G, Daisy H, Benjamin N, Molly B, Audrey R, Rafferty K, Kaira T, Zahara F, Abby J, Noah B, Tyler J-S, Archie F, Nicola D, Kabe L, Ben H, Connor F, Kai B,
Samantha G, Zoe W, Saifya H, Ashton M, Florence B, Jayden P, Ashleigh R, Billy F, Marley M, Tyler S, Mark U, Harriet W and Noah D.

LATHAM P&C UPDATES

Supporting our school and community together.



2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

The Latham P&C AGM was held on 9 Feb. We thank our 2020 team and welcome some new faces in 2021. Here is a snapshot of the P&C's achievements in 2020:

Fundraising:

- Online Fete and associated activities (\$9260)
- Election day and CIT BBQs
- Mango fundraiser (\$914)

Donations to community:

- Replenishing the school sand-pit
- Appreciation gifts for school staff
- \$2,500 donation to the school (used for the Enrichment program)
- Beginning of the first stage of the school garden project (two wicking beds)
- Donation to the Indigenous Literacy Program

New initiatives:

- New PayPal account
- Creation of a Fete website for COVID-19 friendly online purchases
- Introduction of Eftpos facilities

COMMUNITY HUB



At the start of the 2021 year Latham P&C, in partnership with the School, secured \$20k funding from the ACT government to create a Community Hub!

What does this mean?

This funding will enable the creation of a community room, the development of a P&C website and an activity library consisting initially of a seed bank and a games cupboard.



2021 PRIORITIES

Our main priorities for 2021 include the continued development of the **School Garden** and implementation of the **Community Hub project**.



We would love to include as many families as possible when bringing our projects to life. Volunteers always welcome!

Watch this space for more, but you can register your interest now! Email us at:
lathamprimarypandc@gmail.com



WHAT IS THE P&C?

The Latham P&C association are a friendly group of parents, carers and community members that enjoy helping and being involved in our school. **We love new members.** If you are a parent, relative or carer of a child at our school, then you can become an active member of our P&C.

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO A MEETING TO CHECK IT OUT!

Coming to a meeting does not mean you have to volunteer extra time. You can do as little or as much as you like. Engaging in the P&C simply means you:

- are informed as to how our school is run; and
- can vote on decisions made.

Did you know that Lyndall (our Principal) attends our meetings?

We appreciate the support provided by our school.

NEXT MEETING

The next P&C Meeting is
Tuesday 16 March 8pm.
Meetings are scheduled for
Week 2 and 7 each term.
Everyone is welcome!



VACANT POSITIONS



Thank you to the parents who have filled many of our committee positions. We are seeking more like-minded parents to share the load in the following roles:

President (Office Bearer) - Role Description:

- Provides leadership and facilitates communication between P&C, Principal, and school community.
- Leadership and collaboration with other executive committee members and the school community.
- Chairs general meetings (week 2 and 7 each school term) and reports about P&C activities to meetings.
- Chairs general executive meetings (as required).
- Encourages family and community participation in P&C activities.
- Supports other P&C members as required.
- Bank signatory.

P&C Council Delegate/Grants

Coordinator - Role Description:

- Attends meetings of the ACT Council of P&C Associations, represents P&C views to the Council, and reports back to the LPS P&C on ACT P&C Council items of interest.
- Identifies grant opportunities and develops and coordinates grant applications and reports on their progress (this may be in consultation with other P&C members and school delegates as required).

Interested in one of these roles? Email your expression of interest to:

lathamprimarypandc@gmail.com



CHANGE TO BANK DETAILS



Please note that the P&C are now banking with Bendigo Bank. Our new bank details are:

Name: Latham P&C

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 179 829 932

If you have the old P&C account (ending in 8362) saved to your online banking, be sure to delete it.

CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget canteen is open Tuesday to Friday for all students (including Preschool).

HINT: Haven't heard about **Flexischools**? Currently this is the only way to place a lunch order. Download the app Apple or Google app to add your child's class and place an order.

NOTE: The new **cut-off time for Flexischool lunch orders is now 1pm the day before**. This allows the canteen time to plan for prep for the next day.

NEWS! From Tuesday the counter at the canteen will again be open for lunch service! This is for counter sales only and not for lunch orders. The canteen will be serving wedges, icy poles, frozen ice cups, cheesy bread, popcorn etc. Students can use cash but we will also be trialling a 'cash card' valued at \$3 and \$5 which can be purchased on Flexischools.

New volunteers always welcome!

Sign up at: volunteersignup.org/3979D

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Did you know we have a new and used uniform shop?

You can place an order using the **Uniform Order Form** or visit

Vicki at the P&C storeroom (located near the front office) Monday and Friday afternoons (2.45-3.15pm) and Tuesday mornings (8.45-9.15am). Remember we are still **cash free**, but **Eftpos facilities** are available.

NOTE: Please ensure when ordering a uniform you use the new 2021 version of the Uniform Order Form - found on the 'School Notes' section of the school's website.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast club is back on!

When: Breakfast club runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.25-8.55am (get there before 8.50 to minimise the last-minute rush!)

Who: All students welcome!

Why: Many of the kids really enjoy the opportunity to have breakfast at school with their peers. It's a great way to start the mornings.

What: We will be serving toast, fruit and hot Milo. Throughout the year we would appreciate donations of Milo, margarine and honey.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?



Chat to a friendly face, message via Facebook or email

lathamprimarypandc@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook by searching '**Latham Primary School P&C**', select **Join** and make sure you **answer the group questions!**

Information for the local community

It has been great to see so many smiling faces from both big and little people in and around the school over the last couple of weeks. I thought it is time for a little reminder about one of my many roles at Latham Primary. I take great pride in being the Rights, Equity, and Diversity contact officer at your school. At Latham Primary School and more broadly the Education Directorate support the Respect, Equity and Diversity (RED) principles and practices, and our policies focus on respectful workplaces, ensuring that all employees value and consider others at work. [The ACT Public Service Respect, Equity and Diversity Framework](#) guides our approach.

Every person deserves to be treated with respect and courtesy, and the Education Directorate have established more than 140 Respect, Equity and Diversity contact officers (REDCOs) to provide support and information to those who have experienced inappropriate workplace issues, including bullying, harassment or discrimination. The Education Directorate (and that includes Latham Primary School) has a zero tolerance for all forms of discriminatory and harassing behaviours.

Mike Smith
REDCO
Latham Primary School

Help keep our kids safe – reminding parents to park safely and legally around schools

To help keep our kids safe, Access Canberra is reminding parents and carers to park safely and legally around schools, especially at school drop-offs and pick-ups.

Messages for school newsletters and social posts are attached along with an image to help you share information with your school community. There are tips to help reduce congestion at the school gate and make the school drop off and collection run easier, faster and safer.

Attachments:

- [Safe parking around schools – messages for newsletters and social posts \(35 kb Word\)](#)
- [Let's work together to keep our kids safe – social media tile \(366 kb PNG\)](#)

UNIFORMS

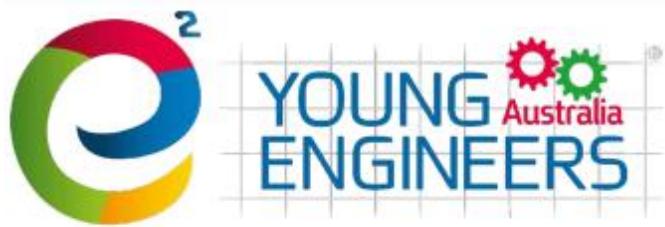
A quick reminder that P&C uniform sales have gone cash less, we are trying really hard to enforce this process, partly due to COVID 19 and as a better long-term process.

If you wish to purchase uniform items, you will need to fill in the order form available at the office or on line and pay by direct payment.

I am currently in the building Monday and Friday afternoons from 2.45-3.15 and Tuesday morning 8.45-9.15. At these times you can pay by Eftpos.

Thank you
Vicky P&C uniforms





Build Your Tomorrow. **Today!**



Holiday STEM Incursions

PROPOSAL



Young Engineers, Canberra

0490808138

canberra@young-engineers.com.au



Workshop Objectives

Young Engineers provides STEM workshops for children in primary school years with a hands-on approach. Our sessions are designed around a STEM principle with the practical application in mind. It is a fun educational experience for the children with a lot of creative Lego building.



Bricks Challenge Workshop

Children will make a motorised LEGO model based on a STEM principle.

Age Group - Kindergarten to Year 6

Cost - 15/- AUD per child (+GST)



Coding & Robotics Workshop

Children will make a model based on a STEM principle and learn to code it using LEGO WEDO software.

Age Group - Year 3 to 6

Cost - 17/- AUD per child (+GST)

Duration - 1 hour per workshop

Maximum no of students - 20 per workshop

All equipment supplied



All our staff are from a STEM background, trained as Young Engineers Instructors and holds a WWVP Card.

We maintain a 10:1 students to instructor ratio.

**We are open for negotiation on the price per student for booking over 60 students or multiple workshops within your organization.



Grants of \$1000 available now to help women return to work!

The ACT Women's Return to Work (RTW) Grants Program is an ACT Government initiative which supports women who have been out of the workforce for an extended period onto pathways to meaningful and stable employment. Successful applicants can access a \$1,000 grant which can be used for a range of activities and resources including: education and training fees, educational expenses such as textbooks, computers/software and transport to courses/study, or work-related expenses such as clothing, uniforms and equipment and childcare. The RTW Program includes wrap-around support and mentoring delivered by a community partner for eligible participants.

Enquiries about the RTW Program can be made at the below contact details:

Phone or text the Grants Coordinator on 0466 856 760 or email CSDRTW@act.gov.au

Online application and more information about the Return to Work Grant is available at communityservices.act.gov.au/women/return-to-work-grants-program



The logo features the text "Women's grants | ACT" in a stylized font with colored squares (blue, green, red, orange) above it. To the right, there are three boxes of text:

- A blue box: "The ACT Women's Return to Work Grants Program can help women to return to work. The program is funded through the ACT Office for Women."
- A white box: "Individual grants of up to \$1000 are available to assist in meeting the cost of training and work-related expenses."
- An orange box: "For more information on eligibility—and how to apply—visit the Women ACT website www.women.act.gov.au, telephone the ACT Office for Women on 6205 2885, email rwtw@act.gov.au"

ACT Government Community Services logo is in the bottom right corner.

Interested in playing soccer?

Registration is now open for the 2021 winter season.

Register now, pay later via www.playfootball.com.au just select 'pay offline'



REGISTRATION

BELWEST FOXES

NOW OPEN

www.belwestsoccer.com

Head to our website for more information and key dates.